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(C) On November 17, emboff delivered reftel points to Department of Foreign Affairs UN/Terrorism and Illicit Drugs Section First Secretary Brian Cahalane. Cahalane said that Ireland supports the adoption of a Third Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions creating a neutral Emblem for the Red Cross/Crescent Movement. He added that while Ireland is unlikely to make an individual statement backing the protocol the Irish support will be realized by a statement likely to be made by the EU Presidency. Cahalane stated that based on internal EU discussions on the proactive measures the Swiss have taken in the Middle East, a successful outcome to the December conference is likely.

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